

Trinity Lutheran Church

Chelmsford, MA

August 3, 2025

10:00 AM– Hybrid Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion



Vision: Sharing God's gifts, we joyfully serve!

Mission: We will nurture and grow our faith family,
centered on Word and sacrament, by exemplifying the love of Christ
as we respond to the needs of one another and our world.

Welcome to Trinity!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

ELW 393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you.**

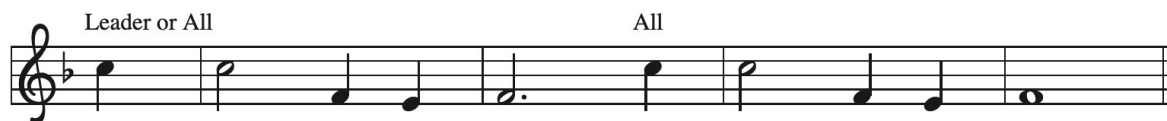
KYRIE



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!



¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén!
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén!
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya! ¡A-mén!
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria al Espíritu!

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

THE FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

² **you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**

³ My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**

⁷ One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to | generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish.**

THE SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Erica Kennedy

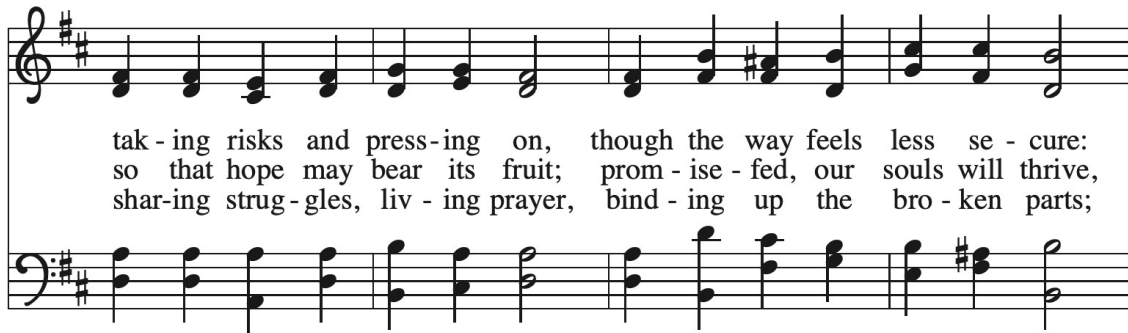
HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith Begins By Letting Go

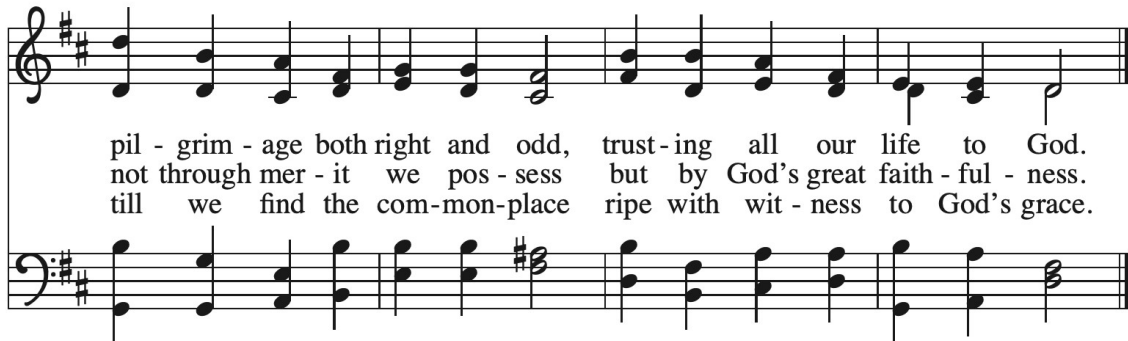
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1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
 2 Faith en-dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
 3 Faith ma-tures by reach-ing out, stretch-ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press-ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
 shar-ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust-ing all our life to God.
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
 Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the
 Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and
 the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

After each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

CREDO APOSTÓLICO

Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso,
 creador del cielo y de la tierra.

Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro
 Señor.
 Fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo
 y nació de la Virgen María.
 Padebió bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,
 fue crucificado, muerto, y sepultado.
 Descendió a los muertos.
 Al tercer día resucitó,
 subió a los cielos,
 y está sentado a la diestra del Padre.
 Volverá para juzgar a los vivos y a los
 muertos.

Creo el Espíritu Santo,
 la santa iglesia católica,
 la comunión de los santos,
 el perdón de los pecados,
 la resurrección del cuerpo,
 y la vida eterna. Amén.

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

EL PADRENUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
 santificado sea tu nombre.
 Venga tu reino.
 Hágase tu voluntad
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Perdona nuestras ofensas
 como también nosotros
 perdonamos a los
 que nos ofenden.
 No nos dejes caer en tentación
 y líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
 el poder y tuya es la gloria,
 ahora y siempre. Amén

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the Lord's table. Jesus is the host, inviting us to experience the gift of forgiveness, the communion of saints, and a foretaste of the feast to come. We are also nourished with renewed strength and courage for the living of our daily lives. Usbers will direct you to come forward down the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten free); then turn left or right to take a communion cup prefilled with **red wine or white grape juice**. Deposit your used cup in a basket on your way back to your seat. Livestream worshippers are invited to have bread and wine ready at home. Children who have not received communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

The kingdom of God is set before you.
 Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
 Grant us your peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

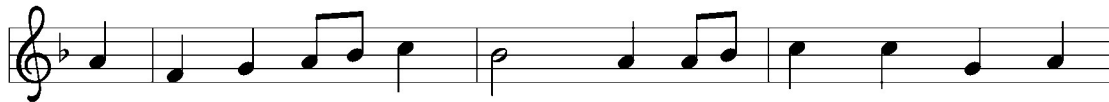
Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888 Public Domain

COMMUNION HYMN

O Bread of Life From Heaven

ELW 480



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517 Public Domain

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

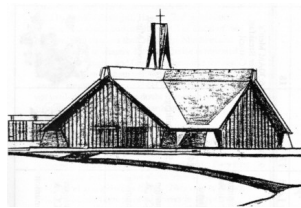
POSTLUDE

Save the Dates

Sunday 8/10	10:00 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion– Kenton's Last Sunday 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
Monday 8/11	6:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
Sunday 8/17	10:00 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
Sunday 8/24	10:00 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
Monday 8/25	6:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

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